

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

IN RE ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS, INC.  
DERIVATIVE LITIGATION

Lead Case No. 1:19-cv-10641-LGL

**FINAL JUDGMENT**

This matter came before the Court for hearing on November 30, 2021, to consider approval of the proposed settlement ("Settlement") set forth in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated July 29, 2021, and the exhibits thereto (the "Stipulation"). The Court has reviewed and considered all documents, evidence, objections (if any), and arguments presented in support of or against the Settlement. Good cause appearing therefore, the Court enters this Final Judgment (the "Judgment").

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

1. This Judgment incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation, and all capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation.
2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Derivative Action, including all matters necessary to effectuate the Settlement, and over all Settling Parties to the Derivative Action.
3. The Court finds that the form of the notice of the Settlement and the means of dissemination of the notice of the Settlement provided to Current Aclaris Stockholders constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances and fully satisfied the requirements of Rule 23.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the requirements of due process.
4. The Court hereby approves the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation and finds that the Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate to each of the Settling Parties, and further finds that the Settlement is in the best interests of Aclaris and its stockholders.

5. The Derivative Action and all claims contained therein, as well as all of the Released Claims against Released Persons, are dismissed with prejudice. The Settling Parties are to bear their own costs, except as otherwise provided below.

6. Upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties shall be deemed to have fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged the Released Claims (including Unknown Claims) against the Released Persons, and any and all claims arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the defense, settlement, or resolution of the Derivative Action or Inspection Demand against the Released Persons. This shall not in any way impair or restrict the rights of any Settling Party to enforce the terms of the Stipulation.

7. Upon the Effective Date, each of the Defendants shall be deemed to have fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged Plaintiffs and their Related Persons, Plaintiffs' Counsel and their Related Persons, and Current Aclaris Stockholders (solely in their capacity as Aclaris stockholders) and their Related Persons from all claims (including Unknown Claims), arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement, or resolution of the Derivative Action, Inspection Demand, or the Released Claims. This shall not in any way impair or restrict the rights of any Settling Party to enforce the terms of the Stipulation.

8. Upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties, for good and sufficient consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, shall be forever barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting or prosecuting any of the Released Claims against any of the Released Persons. This shall not in any way impair or restrict the rights of any Settling Party to enforce the terms of the Stipulation.

9. During the course of the litigation, all parties and their respective counsel at all times complied with the requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and all other similar laws or statutes.

10. The Court hereby approves the sum of \$425,000 for the payment of Plaintiffs' Counsel's attorneys' fees and expenses ("Fee and Expense Award"), and finds that the Fee and Expense Award is fair and reasonable. No other fees, costs, or expenses may be awarded to Plaintiffs' Counsel in connection with the Settlement. The Fee and Expense Award shall be distributed in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation.

11. The Court hereby approves the Service Awards of \$750 for each of the Plaintiffs to be paid from Plaintiffs' Counsel's Fee and Expense Award in recognition of Plaintiffs' participation and effort in the prosecution of the Derivative Action and the Inspection Demand.

12. Neither the Stipulation nor the Settlement, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Stipulation or the Settlement: (a) is or may be deemed to be or may be offered, attempted to be offered, or used in any way by the Settling Parties or any other Person as a presumption, a concession, or an admission of, or evidence of, any fault, wrongdoing, or liability of the Settling Parties or Released Persons, or of the validity of any Released Claims; or (b) is intended by the Settling Parties to be offered or received as evidence or used by any other person in any other actions or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, or administrative, other than to enforce the terms therein.

13. The Released Persons may file the Stipulation and/or the Judgment, and file or reference acts performed or documents executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Stipulation and/or the Judgment: (i) in any action that may be brought against them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, full faith and

credit, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim; (ii) in furtherance of the Settlement contemplated in the Stipulation; and (iii) in any action to enforce the Settlement.

14. Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, this Court hereby retains continuing jurisdiction with respect to implementation and enforcement of the terms of the Stipulation. If for any reason the Effective Date does not occur, or if the Stipulation is in any way canceled, terminated or fails to become Final in accordance with its terms, then: (a) all Settling Parties and Released Persons shall be restored to their respective positions in the Derivative Action as of June 4, 2021; (b) all releases delivered in connection with this Stipulation shall be null and void, except as otherwise provided for in this Stipulation; (c) the Fee and Expense Award paid to Plaintiffs' Counsel shall be refunded and returned within thirty (30) business days; and (d) all negotiations, proceedings, documents prepared, and statements made in connection herewith shall be without prejudice to the Settling Parties, shall not be deemed or construed to be an admission by a Settling Party of any act, matter, or proposition, and shall not be used in any manner for any purpose in any subsequent proceeding in the Derivative Action, Inspection Demand, or in any other action or proceeding. In such event, the terms and provisions of the Stipulation shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Settling Parties and shall not be used in the Derivative Action, Inspection Demand, or in any other proceeding for any purpose.

15. Pursuant to Rule 23.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court hereby finally approves the Stipulation and Settlement in all respects, and orders the Settling Parties to perform its terms to the extent the Settling Parties have not already done so.

16. This Judgment is a final judgment, and the Court finds that no just reason exists for delay in entering the Judgment in accordance with the Stipulation. Accordingly, the Clerk is

hereby directed to enter this Judgment forthwith in accordance with Rule 58 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATED: December 16, 2021



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HONORABLE LEWIS J. LIMAN  
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE